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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>	Atty. Docket No. (Opt.) <b>ALCA2240-1</b>
Applicant <b>An Ge and Lakshman Tamil</b>	
Application Number <b>09/877,833</b>	Filed <b>June 8, 2001</b>
For <b>OPTICAL IP SWITCHING ROUTER ARCHITECTURE</b>	
Group Art Unit <b>Unknown</b>	Examiner <b>Unknown</b>

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Washington, D.C. 20231

<p align="center"><b>Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the documents listed below are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>October 12</u>, 2001.</p> <p align="center"> Katherin Cope</p>
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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application.

While Applicant believes no fees are due, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP.

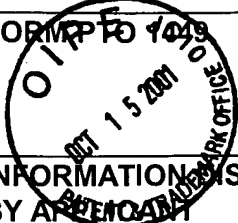
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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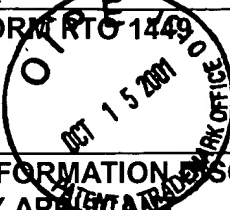
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